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SUBJECT: EWG MEETING JAN 15 ON BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING

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SUMMARY. DURING MEETING JAN 15, EXECUTIVE WORKING GROUP (EWG) DISCUSSED FUTURE PROGRAM OF WORK ON BASIC ISSUES OF DEFENSE PLANNING AND AD-70 REPORTS (REFTEL). MAJOR POINT OF CONTENTION WAS WHETHER BOTH ACTION PROGRAMS SHOULD BE RETAINED IN CURRENT STATUS AS SEPARATE ENDEAVORS OR MERGED INTO EXPANDED AD-70 EFFORT. FINAL COMPROMISE CONTINUED BOTH PROGRAMS WITH LIMITATIONS ON THEIR SCOPE AND INTENSITY. END SUMMARY.

1. CHAIRMAN PANSA INTRODUCED TOPIC BY CITING POSSIBILITY OF DUPLICATE EFFORTS IN VARIOUS FORCE PLANNING ACTIVITIES BEING CONDUCTED BY EWG. ITALIAN REP PROPOSED CONTINUATION OF SINGLE AD-70 PROGRAM WHICH WOULD INCLUDE AREAS COVERED BY BASIC ISSUES AND SUGGESTED THAT A LIMITED NUMBER OF CRITICAL AREAS MIGHT BE HIGHLIGHTED DURING NORMAL FORCE GOALS PROCEDURE. SUPPORT FOR GENERAL PROPOSITION THAT AD-70 PROGRAM INCLUDE ALL ISSUE AREAS  
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RELATING FOR FORCE IMPROVEMENTS WAS VOICED BY TURKISH, MILITARY COMMITTEE AND SHAPE REPS.

2. US REP (PRENDERGAST) EMPHASIZED UNIQUE VALUES OF BOTH AD-70

AND BASIC ISSUES PROGRAMS AND URGED THEIR RETENTION AS SEPARATE, BUT COMPLEMENTARY ACTIVITIES. HE FURTHER PROPOSED THAT TWO ADDITIONAL CRITICAL AREAS CITED BY SECRETARY SCHLESINGER (MOBILE AIR DEFENSE SYSTEMS AND ECM) BE ADDED TO THE BASIC ISSUES PROGRAM AT THIS TIME AND A THIRD (AIR DELIVERED MUNITIONS) BE INCLUDED AS PART OF ANTI-TANK AND WAR RESERVE STOCKS STUDIES. FRG AND UK REPS EXPRESSED SUPPORT FOR CONTINUATION OF SEPARATE BASIC ISSUES PROGRAM.

3. WHEN LENGTHY DISCUSSION FAILED TO ACHIEVE CONSENSUS, CHAIRMAN PANSA SUGGESTED FOLLOWING THREE-PART COMPROMISE WHICH WAS GENERALLY ACCEPTED:

A. EWG PREPARATION OF AN AD-70 SPRING REPORT FOR 1974 LIMITED IN SCOPE TO FORCE CAPABILITIES. IN RESPONSE TO PROPOSAL FROM US REP THAT REPORT ALSO COVER SUPPORTING PROGRAMS, CHAIRMAN AGREED TO HAVE REPORT DRAWN FROM STUDIES UNDERWAY IN OTHER NATO FORA ON INFRASTRUCTURE AND COOPERATION IN RESEARCH, DEVELOPMENT AND PRODUCTION, AND TO KEEP OPEN POSSIBILITY OF INCLUDING COMMUNICATIONS.

B. EWG PREPARATION OF A PROGRESS REPORT ON BASIC ISSUES TO INCLUDE A PRELIMINARY ASSESSMENT OF PROPOSED NEW ISSUES WITH MORE SUBSTANTIVE CONSIDERATION TO AWAIT COMPLETION OF THE MILITARY COMMITTEE REPORT ON THE MIDDLE EAST.

C. EWG PREPARATION OF A COMPREHENSIVE AD-70 SPRING REPORT FOR 1975 TO INCLUDE BOTH COMMON SUPPORTING PROGRAMS AND FORCE CAPABILITIES.

4. CHAIRMAN PANSA EMPHASIZED IN CONCLUDING REMARKS THAT COMPROMISE LEFT UNRESOLVED MANY DETAILS WHICH MIGHT BE CONSIDERED AT A LATER TIME.

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